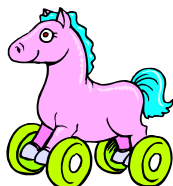


GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD

TOY SHOP



The fall **rummage sale** will be held at the fair grounds (N. wing) on **October 1st & 2nd**. All proceeds will go to the Toy Shop to buy toys for needy children in Duncan. In 2009, over 1000 children received gifts from the shop. There wasn't much left after delivery on December 15th.

If you have any clothing or household goods, you will be most welcomed to bring them to the fair grounds on September 27, 28 or 29th. and donate them to the cause. Money is nice also.

Another donation that is always welcomed and appreciated is a donation of **time**. The items have to be arranged on tables for display. This takes a lot of manpower. Just a few hours on one of the days, (Monday, Tuesday or

Wednesday before the sale) will be most appreciated.

Submitted by Martha Coker

Session Highlights

A quorum was determined and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the church parlor.

- A motion was made and seconded that Jerry Fleming and one other person will count the money from the offering. The motion carried
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the July 17, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion carried
- A motion was made and seconded to receive the letter of resignation of Clerk from Jenna Bentley, with thanks and regret, effective December 31, 2010. The motion carried.
- Tracy will be on vacation August 30-September 7.
- A motion was made by the Inside Ministry committee to change the communion date from September 5 to August 29. The motion was approved.
- A motion was made and seconded to let Scott Berning, Keith Smith, Lonnie Helms and Steve Reasor decide where to move the sound system. The motion carried.
- A recommendation was made by the Outside Ministry committee to not have the Pumpkin Patch this year if no one steps up to volunteer to run it by Sunday, September 5, 2010.
- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:15 pm in the Church Parlor.

Submitted by Jenna Bentley, Session Clerk

LACK OF SUPPORT THREATENS THE PUMPKIN PATCH

The "Pumpkin Patch", which has been a tradition at the FPC is in jeopardy of being discontinued.

Reasons for this are many but the paramount reason is the lack of congregational support. The good folks who ran the patch over the years are no longer able or available. Volunteers over the last two years have been minimal causing longer hours for those who have tried to keep the patch open. Add to this the fact that no one with the time and physical ability has seen the need to step up and volunteer to run or manage this project leaves your Session no alternative but to cancel the "Pumpkin Patch".

Therefore, due to this lack of concern and /or interest by the congregation, the Session will drop this project September 5th if no one volunteers to manage the patch. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer you may contact Elders Peggy Gilchrist, Bennie Drake or Rev. Tracy.

God's Blessings, Your Session

Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of August 23, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$144,604.46
Yearly Expense to date \$123,671.34

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family

in our prayers

*Matthew Fleming - Marines

*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines

*Jason Kramer - Army

Rachel Livingston

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

Pat & Colleen Winn

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Anne Helms

Hallie Irwin

Jessica Jones

Lu Morgan

Mary Cearley

Al Hruby

Doris Stokes

Helen Sue Lowe

Carroll Goss

Terry Evans

Mary Bennett

Barbara Black

Lucille Fleming

Patye Mason

Lonnie McCain

Roger Stephenson

Elizabeth Steigleder

Bennie Drake

Vicky Benson

* Currently serving our country



Our Condolences to the family of Mary Margaret Wimberly Wheeler, sister of Janis Hruby, who passed away on July 26, 2010.

Our Prayers and Sympathy for the family of Pat Miller, sister of Charlotte Utley, who passed away on August 7, 2010.

THANK YOU

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church, Mom has been bringing me the church paper the last couple of months during my rehab. I went into the hospital July 26, 2009 for respiratory failure. The gave me a 5% chance of recovering. Its been a long road back from deaths door but God has seen me through these dark days. We're in hopes that I'll make a full recovery. Being on your back for nine months you have to learn basic skills again like walking etc. It's always good to see peoples names in the paper I recognize like Mr Coplands articles, they mean so much to me. I hope my friend Doris Stokes is doing fine as I've lost contact with her. There are so many more, the Jones family, Cox family, Herrins, Hruby's etc. Again, thanks for still sending mom the "Faith at Work" paper. It meant a lot to me over the last few months.
Sincerely, John G. Watson

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for sending us to Dwight Mission. We had a wonderful time. We went canoeing, swimming, camping, to the challenge course and made a lot of new friends.
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to go.
Love, Kaitlin and John

THANK YOU

Christians Concerned: Sincerely thanks for the recent food donation and cash of \$206.66.

Goodland Academy: Thank you very much for the gift of \$208.33

Please email your articles for FAITH-AT-WORK to

salsroom@jimbarthell.com

place them in my church office box or call

me at 580-470-9933.

Thanks, Sally Barthell

REMINDER TO BRING:

Campbell Soup labels, box tops for schools coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pull tabs and empty ink jet cartridges to the church office to help others in need.

**OFFICERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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<u>Class of 2010</u> Peggy Gilchrist Helen Sue Lowe	<u>Class of 2011</u> Bennie Drake Steve Reasor	<u>Class of 2012</u> Lonnie Helms Rosella McQuain
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DIACONATE

<u>Class of 2010</u> Joan Drake Sally Barthell	<u>Class of 2011</u> Jack Munn Mike Grantham	<u>Class of 2012</u> Leah Berning Charlotte Utley
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Treasurer: Linda Helms **Asst. Treasurer:** Jerry Fleming



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 3rd during Worship Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2010**



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Hi friends,

As one who lives alone, I eat a fair share of frozen dinners. They are convenient, quick, usually nutritious (if I have chosen well) and get the job done. I can prepare it very quickly, eat it out of the container it comes in so there are no dishes, and then move on to my next activity. I won't have to think of it again.

In reality, these meals aren't that good. Some are better than others, of course, but I can't claim any of them are my first choice for a meal.

I recently heard the practice of our faith compared to a frozen meal. Are we practicing a faith which "gets the job done," i.e. we can mark it off the list of things to do, or are we practicing a faith that is a very part of our being?

So what is the difference? Frozen dinners are styled to look appealing on the outside, to look like a "real meal." In truth, though, those meals are never as good as they look on the box. They have the components of the picture, but the picture is styled to be appealing. The red peppers provide some color, the broccoli is placed 'just right' and there's always some parsley or other garnish to add appeal (I don't know about you, but I can't remember the last time I've had parsley on my plate at home).

A "frozen dinner" faith would be one that looks good on the outside. Church attendance, likely at the 'right' church, maybe a fish symbol on the desk at work, and conversations that included an obligatory mention of what happened at church on Sunday. These things all look good on the outside. But they don't have any depth, any flavor. Things get done and then move on to the next task.

A frozen dinner can provide the nutritional requirements needed to survive, but there is no feast. There is no sense of looking forward to the next meal. And there certainly isn't a sense of living a life that has been fed richly and lived fully.

We are offered a feast of faith, yet we often choose not to take advantage of it. We are offered plates full of hope, grace and love and we take tidbits and nibbles instead of full servings. We come to worship, but as soon as we leave the building, we forget all about it.

What might you do to learn to feast on faith instead of take in the easiest thing around? I don't recommend going whole hog (forgive the expression) into a feast. Start by adding something to your "diet" of faith practices: a new reading, a new spiritual practice, a new time or place to pray. Or you might consider joining a new study, or come to Sunday school, or take on a new responsibility at church. Make your faith, and your church congregation, part of your whole life, not just a piece.

See you Sunday,

Tracy

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